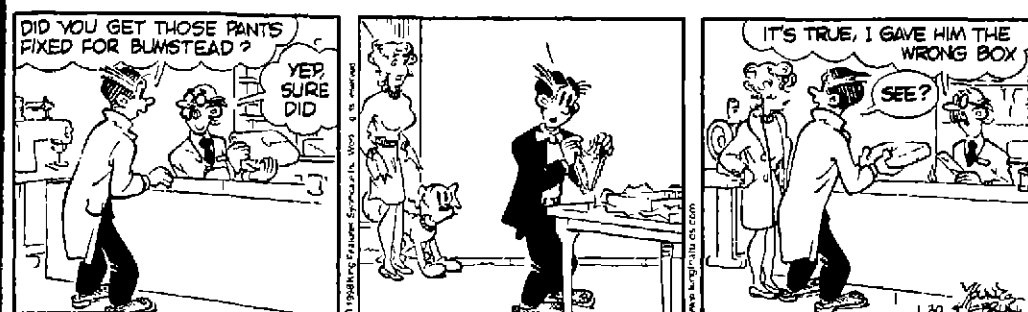
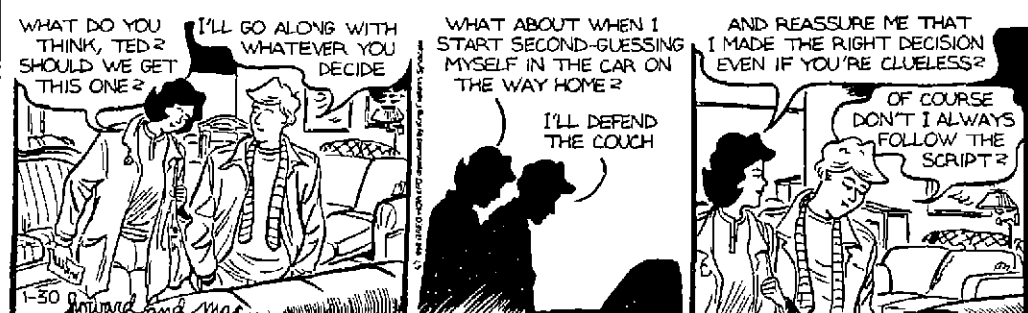


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



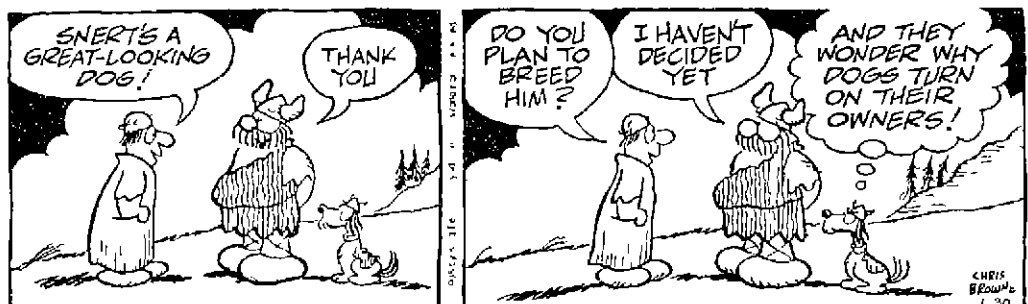
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



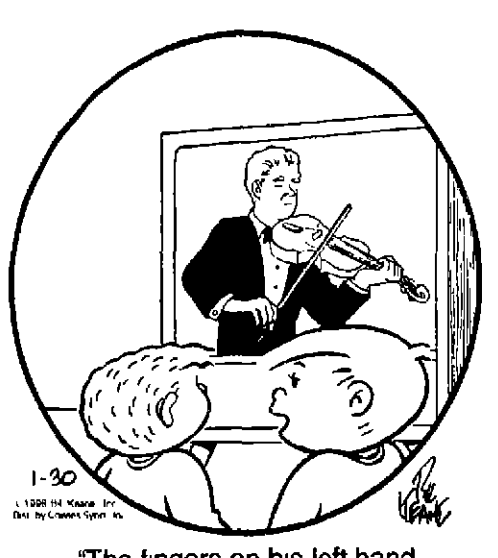
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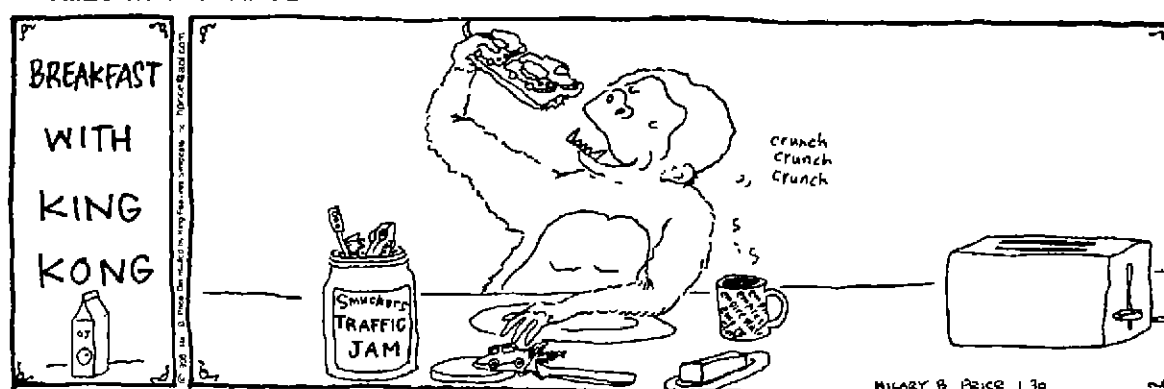
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

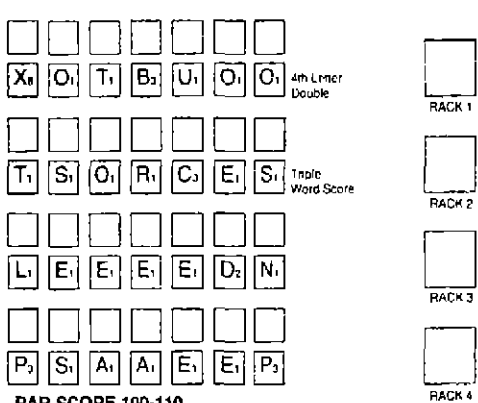
Comedian **Dick Martin** is 76. Actress **Dorothy Malone** is 73. Producer-director **Harold Prince** is 70. Actor **Gene Hackman** is 68. Actress **Vanesa Redgrave** is 61. Country singer **Jeanne Pruett** is 61. Former Defense Secretary **Dick Cheney** is 57. Rock singer **Marty Balin** is 56. Rhythm-and-blues musician **William King** is 49. Actress-comedian **Brett Butler** is 40. Singer **Jody Watley** is 39. Actor **Christian Bale** is 24.

I NEED HELP



The PC PGA

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 100-110

by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Other words not 50 point bonus. *Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-30-98

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Food -

HE VIT IDDA O L J G E S
BY WUR H P F N K I G N D P
T B Z X R V G F S Q O M O O M
T N E T N O C U K I G E I C A
A Y A W U S S T O R E S T N T
H O P L N U L S J H O H C I S
F S U P P L E M E N T S U A E
C A I P S E R V I C E R D H Y
X V L F U S G N I R O L O C Q
P Y N M K J G H F E C R R F B
Z Y X V U T R O P O M L P K I

Thursday's unlisted clue LEYLAND

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: Government Food Coupons

Additive	Fish	Processor	Stuff
Chain	For thought	Production	Supplements
Coloring	Plant	Service	Supply
Content	Poisoning	Stores	

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For solution, see Classified

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Seek advice from experts before scheduling a talk with a higher-up. Be diplomatic and courteous when dealing with superiors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Make sure you know what you're talking about or you'll put your foot in your mouth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You could have a disagreement with a child concerning spending money. It's a good time to replenish your wardrobe.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make plans to visit a relative, but be tactful on the home front. Be willing to shoulder your normal responsibilities.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Avoid offensive speech, or you could hurt the feelings of a co-worker. You might be in a smart-alecky mood, so be careful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Make plans with partners concerning joint interests, but avoid bickering with a friend about a matter of little consequence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might be invited to an unusual party. Be willing to step out of your usual circle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) After some gadding about, you'll want to catch up with unfinished tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Financial luck tempts you to overspend, especially in the pursuit of pleasure. Local visits lead to unexpected romantic encounters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's a favorable time for entertaining at home, but don't ignore the feelings of a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Job opportunities arise, and romantic surprises are in store. Be tactful in dealing with a sensitive co-worker.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Romance comes unexpectedly. Distant financial affairs prosper, and you'll have some good news about money.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

South had a fair working knowledge of bridge odds, and he knew the percentage play in today's club suit. What he overlooked was that a near-cinch play is always better than one favored by marginal odds.

South ruffed the third spade and drew trumps, showing unhappiness when trumps were 4-2. With no trumps left in any hand, success now rested with picking up the entire club suit.

He led a club to dummy's ace and a club back, wondering whether to finesse or play for the drop. With little to guide him about the opponents' distribution, South went with the odds and played for the drop.

West discarded a diamond, and the game fell one short: the defenders getting a club and a third spade. South was quick to explain that when East followed to the second club, South knew nine of East's cards and only eight of West's, therefore the odds were slightly in favor of West's holding the last club.

South had put his cargo in a very small boat. A much better road to success is to start the club suit at trick four. (If South goes wrong in clubs, a fourth spade lead can be ruffed in dummy.) At trick four, South should lead a club to dummy's ace and a club back. When East follows suit, the pure odds are slightly in favor of a drop, but the practical finesse is a much better choice. If West wins the club queen, no return can damage South. And if West ruffs South's jack (today's layout), South wins West's exit and, unless a defender has all five remaining trumps, can claim the remaining tricks.

NORTH

♠ 7 5 3
♥ Q 7
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ A 7 4 2

WEST

♠ K Q 10 4
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ 8

EAST

♠ A J 9 8
♥ 5 3
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ K Q 10 3

SOUTH

♠ 6 2
♥ A K J 10 9
♦ 7
♣ K J 9 6 5

Vulnerable Both

Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	All pass

Opening lead: Spade king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1219

ACROSS

- 1 Bribed
- 8 Duties
- 13 Library transactions
- 15 Barbecue's supply
- 16 Feathers
- 17 Admittance
- 18 Alters course
- 19 Sugar
- 21 Perceive
- 22 Break bread
- 23 Philip Morris brand
- 24 Carpenter's groove
- 25 Explain further
- 26 Carter, Secretary of State

DOWN

- 27 Japanese-American
- 28 Dry out
- 29 Unpolished leather
- 30 Interrogation technique
- 33 Slips
- 34 Hot tempered energetic type
- 35 Doing things
- 36 Beams
- 37 Demon
- 40 Tiny isthmus
- 41 Tiler's need
- 42 Not so powerful currency
- 43 Close (in)
- 44 Point
- 45 Entire spectrum
- 46 Electronics groundbreaker

ACROSS

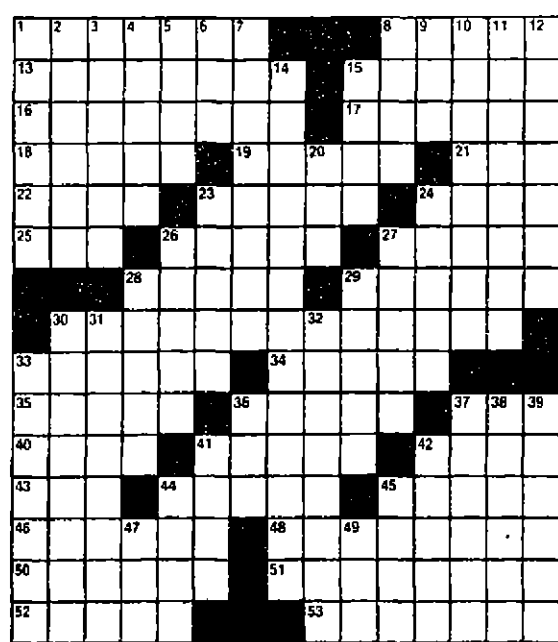
- 48 Gentlemen you are welcome to — Hamlet
- 50 Bush whackers?
- 51 O in some measures
- 52 Wasn't vigilant
- 53 Salon supplies

DOWN

- 1 Newspaper founded in 1912
- 2 Epic of a wanderer
- 3 Have in view
- 4 Moine III manufacturer
- 5 Acknowledges
- 6 Car engine component
- 7 Guitar genre
- 8 Ignore, with out
- 9 Envelope abbr.
- 10 Sea in a Jean Rhys title
- 11 Like awful mud
- 12 End of a boss's order
- 14 Police groups
- 15 Big shot at a bar?
- 20 It has a shell
- 23 1991 Grammy winner Cohn et al.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ROSA LENO HAVE
ARUM SLOB COLES
WISEGUISSE UNITS
LEILA ESPRESSO
SLEIGHTOELAY
ASEA ABDUCT
ALA ACES LEROI
JUSTALITTLELEWIE
ABORT THAI SAD
REFITS SRTA
FEINTHEARTED
IMPOSTOR PARSE
REACT BUCKARUSE
ATLAS LEVI ARAM
NELL EDIT TOYS



Puzzle by John Worthing

ACROSS

- 24 Tiddlywinks, e.g.
- 26 Skywalker foe
- 27 David and others
- 28 Propose
- 29 Inclement
- 30 Step on it
- 31 Make the best of
- 32 Less flexible
- 33 They raise crops

DOWN

- 36 Instinctive
- 37 Doff
- 38 One making a big return
- 39 Parts of chains
- 41 Composes

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